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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): Conveyor device having a filling device (7) for vertical flow of material, without demixing, of powdered media having different particle sizes and particle densities, having the following features:

- a supply container (8) having a lower opening (9) to which the filling device (7) can be coupled;

- an inlet hopper (1) having an upper inlet opening (10) and a lower outlet opening (11) of a guide tube (12), the inlet opening (10) being couplable to the lower opening (9) of the supply container (8);

- telescopic elements (13), which are arranged on the guide tube (12), and an outlet hopper (3) having an outlet flap (4) with a pivot axis.

Claim 2 (previously presented): Conveyor device according to claim 1, wherein the supply container is constructed so as to be closable.

Claim 3 (previously presented): Conveyor device according to claim 1, wherein there is a flap as closure of the supply container.

Claim 4 (canceled).

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Claim 5 (previously presented): Conveyor device according to claim 1, wherein the internal diameters and external diameters of the telescopic elements (13) are so matched to one another that they have a sliding fit.

Claim 6 (previously presented): Conveyor device according to claim 1, wherein the telescopic elements (13) and the outlet hopper (3) each have on their inner surfaces (14) in the region of their upper edges (17) at least one sealing ring (16), which is arranged in an annular recess in the respective inner wall (14).

Claim 7 (previously presented): Conveyor device according to claim 1, wherein the guide tube (12) and the telescopic elements (13) each have in the region of their lower edges (18) at least one sealing ring (16), which is arranged in an annular recess in the respective outer walls (15).

Claim 8 (previously presented): Conveyor device according to claim 1, wherein the guide tube (12) and the telescopic elements (13) each have in the region of their lower edges (18) at least one sealing ring (16), which is arranged in an annular recess in the respective outer walls (15), and the telescopic elements (13) and the outlet hopper (3) each have on their inner surfaces (14) in the region of their upper edges (17) at least one sealing ring (16), which is arranged in an annular recess in the respective inner wall (14).

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Claim 9 (previously presented): Conveyor device according to claim 1, wherein by means of a handle (5), which is arranged on the outer surface (15) of the outlet hopper (3), the telescopic elements (13) can be pulled out of one another and pushed one inside the other.

Claim 10 (previously presented): Conveyor device according to claim 1, wherein the outlet hopper (3) has, in its lower region, a mouthpiece (20) which can be docked to a feed shoe (23) of a tablet press and has a rubber-elastic tubular casing (21).

Claim 11 (previously presented): Conveyor device according to claim 1, wherein the outlet flap (4) is pivotable about an axis (22) inside the outlet hopper (3) and is displaceable by means of an operating element arranged outside the outlet hopper (3).

Claim 12 (currently amended): Conveyor device according to claim 1, wherein the outlet flap (4) is closed when the telescopic elements (13) are in the contracted position and while the telescopic elements (13) are being extended, and when the telescopic elements (13) are in the extended position the outlet flap (4) is open when ~~the~~ a mouthpiece (20) of the outlet hopper (3) has been docked to a feed shoe (23).

Claim 13 (currently amended). Filling device especially for a conveyor device in accordance with claim 1, the filling device (7) having the following features:

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- an inlet hopper (1) having an upper inlet opening (10) and a lower outlet opening (11) of a guide tube (12), the inlet opening (10) being couplable to a lower opening (9) of a supply container (8);

- telescopic elements (13), which are arranged on the guide tube (12) and carry an outlet hopper (3) having an outlet flap (4) with a pivot axis.

Claim 14 (canceled).